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WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

BY HENRY T. STANTON.

A pallet to her mother said:
"I want a coat, you see, head,
And spurs and feathers like—
It shames me much that I am seen
Forever scratching on the green
In this brown frock of mine."

"Alas my daughter," said the hen,
"In you I see my life and I,
Just how you feel I know;
A thousand times I've played, my dear,
To be a great and famous hen,
And strut about and crow."

"But, mother, please to tell me why
It should be thus that you and I
Must wear these sober coats,
Whilst papa, in such fine array,
Adorns the pasture every day
And glories in the cat's paw."

As underneath a bush she ducked,
The madam shook her head and ducked:
"It's quite too much for me—
That we are plain and he is grand
Is what I cannot understand
And do not wish to see."

Just then a stranger rooster flew
Across the garden fence and crew:
And "papa" heard that sound;
And quicker than it takes to tell,
That parent or child never found,
And things grew lively round.

He did not pause to make reply,
But when that rooster filled his eye,
The hackles filled his neck,
And right for business, then and there,
With his gaudy trainings dress,
That papa came on spurs.

They fought like phantoms, "head and well,"
Until the stranger rooster fell;
And he struck out for "rest,"
Then papa on that garden gate
Stood awful proud and straight,
And crowed his level best.

He rose and gave his victor's shout,
White from his side his leg ran out,
And death was near at hand;
He rose and crowed his level best,
In all his gaudy trainings dress,
And all his courage bled.

She did not see the morning break,
Because there was no sun and wake
The peaceful, tender eye,
For papa did not sound his horn,
Since, long before the day was born,
He handed in his chicks.

I think, observed that pullet then,
"I'd rather be a cat than hen,
And wear this Quaker frock,
Than have the comb and spurs and gills
And pride and all attendant ills
Of that departed cock."

REGULATING STREET RAILWAYS.

Amendments to the Sundry Civil Bill

Passed by the Senate.

In the Senate yesterday the following

amendments to the Sundry Civil Bill were

agreed to:

All street railway companies or persons

operating or having tracks or road-beds on the

streets of the city of Washington, shall

be subject to the following regulations:

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THE INDIANA SENATE.

A Brick Battalion Fight Over Contested Seats.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 26.—The

debate on the contested election case in the

Senate closed yesterday afternoon. The

majority report unseating Carpenter

was then adopted by a party vote. The

Republicans, before the result had been

announced, discovered that the resolution

unseating contained the words "un-

seat and expel." They raised the point

of order that it required a two-thirds vote

to expel a member and the point was sus-

tained by the chair.

Senator Urmon (Dem.) moved to re-

consider the vote and the Republicans

raised the additional point of order that

he did not vote with the party prevailing

on the original question and therefore

could not move to reconsider.

The Lieutenant-Governor also sustained

this point of order. His decision was

appealed from, and by a party vote, was

not sustained. Carpenter was then un-

seated by a party vote. The resolution

to seat Ray, the contestant, Howard

(Democrat) moved an indefinite post-

ponement and his motion prevailed. But

the Democrats voted in the negative.

The action leaves the Senatorial district

composed of Shelby and Decatur coun-

ties unrepresented in the Senate and the

Governor will order a special election.

The House was in session but a few

minutes in the afternoon and did nothing

but hear reports of the three or three

committees. Both branches have adjourned

until Monday.

Earnings of Railroads.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—The statement

of the earnings and expenses of the West

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STORY OF A MUTINY.

TWO YEARS I HAD BEEN MATE OF THE

schooner Jesse, Captain Martin, plying

regularly between Sydney, New South

Wales, and Hobartown, Van Dieman's

Land. We had a trim craft, easily

handled, and our crew never exceeded

six men. There was a second mate and

the captain stood his own watch. A year

before I engaged with her she had been

captured by convicts from the penal set-

tlement, and when recovered, after two

or three days, she had been supplied

with an arsenal.

The trip which gave rise to the inci-

dent I am about to relate brought the

captain's daughter on board for the first

time, she having been away to school for

a couple of years. The schooner was

named after her, and if a vessel could

feel proud of anything it was the Jesse.

The girl was a typical English girl,

just as handsome as the best of them.

She was about 19 years old, in the

prime of health and spirits, and was

good as medicine for a sick person to

hear her sing and laugh. As our voyages

were short and safe we had been able to

keep the same crew for a long time, but

on this trip we were all new, and the

old man had been taken ill while

we were loading, a third had mysteri-

ously absented himself, and on the day

when we were to start, the fourth was

never seen. The crew was, therefore,

ever, in filling the four vacancies, I

decided, they were applied for as soon as

vacated. The cook was another colored

man with good recommendation, while

the three sailors were English-speaking

and of English blood. The first was a

When a crew is sent from a shipping

office, the master must not find fault with

their personal appearance. If they are

what they claim to be, that must satisfy

him, no matter if the whole lot are bow-

legged, crooked, or half-headed, and

humped-back. It is the same when the

master engages men at the wharf. If he

satisfies him that they are sailors, he does

not find fault with their looks. The

three sailors engaged for the trip were

hard-looking fellows, and I would not

have trusted them not to rob me, but I

took them just the same. At sea they

were obedient and their stations and

orders, and the discipline of a vessel

were maintained. The sailors of impu-

seal and bad character. One of the

men was composed of six sailors, captain

mate and cook, and the girl Jess brought

the number on board up to ten.

It is a run of over 500 miles, almost

due south from Sydney to Hobartown,

and but passing Cape Howe we had the

coast in view, and knew where shelter

could be had in case of a storm. Our

crew went cheerfully to work, the

weather favored us, and for three days

everything went as smoothly as you

please. I had two of the old men and

one of the new in my watch, and on the